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The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of over 5,000 families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture.

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and Members of the Committee on Public Health:

Raised Bill No. 5329 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF NATURAL FOOD.

The Connecticut Farm Bureau supports the adoption of RB 5329. Although we did not support the GMO labeling bill last year we feel RB 5329 is appropriate as it delays the implementation of the definition of "natural food" to coincide with the trigger mechanism as described in section 21a-92c. The bill also clarifies that the provisions of the bill shall only apply to food that is intended for human consumption.